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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Pienkos, John T.

Serial No.: 09/626365

Filing Date: July 23, 2000

Title: Apparatus and Method for Providing Product
Location Information to Customers in a Store

Examiner: Andrew Joseph Rudy

Art Unit: 3627

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 8, 2003, the Applicant respectfully provides the following Remarks.

Remarks

In the Office Action, the Examiner required (in paragraphs 1-4) restriction to either claims 1-19 (Group I) or claim 20 (Group II). The Examiner further required (in paragraph 5) that the Applicant elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable, under 35 U.S.C. §121. Further, the Examiner invited the Applicant to provide statements as to the merits of each document from the two Information Disclosure Statements submitted by the Applicant. The Applicant addresses each of these issues below.

Restriction Requirement

The Applicant appreciates speaking with the Examiner briefly about the Examiner's restriction requirement on April 8, 2003, and further appreciates the